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to "next steps in preventive treatment," a topic of still greater concern; but with the exception of a suggested domestic consultation bureau to be established in connection with organized family agencies, it fails to afford as much practical assistance as the preceding chapters. Since the volume deals entirely with desertion and non-support, which constitute only one type of broken homes, the title is too broad, and somewhat misleading.

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The Social Interpretation of History. A Refutation of the Marxian Economic Interpretation of History. By MAURICE WILLIAM. Brooklyn, 1920. Pp. 222.

Aroused by the disorganization and disintegration resultant from the Great War, Mr. William, a disciple of Marxian Socialism for more than a quarter of a century, investigated for himself and came to the conclusion that Marx was mistaken in his claim to have discovered the laws of social evolution. Mr. William repudiates the class struggle as anti-social and says that co-operation and harmonizing the interests of mankind is the true method of progress, hence the title of his book.

If this is an indication of what is going on in the minds of enough socialists to leaven the mass, if they begin to doubt the absolute reliability of the Marxian formulations and are willing to search for fresh guidance, it augurs well for a broadening and deepening of the socialist movement. Undoubtedly the greatest obstacle to that development has been and is the absolutely unquestioning faith in Marxian principles and failure to accept the scientific method that is emerging in the social sciences.

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The Modern Household. By MARION TALBOT and SOPHONISBA PRESTON BRECKINRIDGE. Boston: Whitcomb and Barrows, 1919. Pp. 1-93. \$1.00.

This volume is a revision of the 1912 edition. There is little change in the text except the inclusion of a page or two setting forth concisely the effect of the war upon fashions in dress. The suggestive questions at the end of each chapter have been carefully revised and the bibliographies accompanying the several chapters have been enriched by the addition of new titles, especially those dealing with food, clothing, and household management.